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SUBJECT: AUTO PACT: INVESTMENT INCENTIVES

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY CHARGE MATHIEU ON INSTRUCTIONS
INFORMED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VINE LATE AUGUST 3,
THAT FORD HAD INFORMED GOC AND ANNOUNCED IT HAD MADE
DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO LOCATE NEW ENGINE PLANT IN ONTARIO
AND THAT PM'S OFFICE PLANNED TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING
DECISION SHORTLY. MATHIEU ASSURED VINE THAT GOC HAD TAKEN
NO RPT NO ACTION TO INFLUENCE TIMING OF FORD DECISION.
GOC RECOGNIZED THAT LARGE ISSUES WERE INVOLVED IN
INCENTIVES QUESTION AND HOPED THAT DECISION WOULD NOT
IMPACT ON US/GOC CONSULTATIONS IN OTTAWA ON AUTO PACT
MATTERS WHICH GOC VIEWED AS USEFUL.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT
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SECRETARY MEISSNER, FORD OFFICIALS SAID IT REMAINED TO WORK
OUT DETAILS WITH ONTARIO GOVERNMENT AND GOC AND TO RECEIVE
APPROVAL OF BOARDS OF FORD'S CANADIAN SUBSIDIARIES BEFORE
ENGINE PLANT INVESTMENT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED. VANCE

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